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WEATHER—For Kentucky
Saturday, increasing cloudiness

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Speaking of the snow note, the city overlooked the beam in its own crossings.

German troops are said to be preparing to invade Switzerland to flank the French in Alsace.

The peace party in Germany has given way to one clamoring for unrestricted submarine warfare.

It is getting about time for that Chicago egg corner to be broken. The time limit of Weltz is up next week and the pullets are beginning to lay.

Admiral Dewey's funeral services today, will be one of the most impressive demonstrations of national affection and honor ever accorded in American history.

Commissioner of Roads Rodman Wiley is expected to visit Hopkinsville soon to make an address on the new Federal aid law, under which Kentucky will get \$95,000 this year.

The Leak Probe will be resumed Monday, with Mrs. Ruth Visconti, a newspaper woman, as the first witness. Sherman L. Whipple, a Boston lawyer and Democrat, will act as counsel.

"Comet B 1916," is due to appear next spring, blazing forth night after night with its tail sweeping an immense arc through the heavens. It is now approaching the earth at the rate of 1,000,000 miles a day.

At Henderson this week one lot of unfired leaf tobacco sold at \$23. Burley at Maysville sold for \$26, at Shelbyville one lot went to \$33, at Mt. Sterling \$38 was the top and at Flemingsburg two baskets brought \$39 and \$45 per hundred.

John M. Couch, aged 40, when his attentions to his divorced wife's sister, Miss Nellie M. Dunn, a school teacher, were spurned, went to the girl's class room and shot her to death and then going to the studio of her lover, R. D. Williams, killed him in the same way, at Oklahoma City.

Change of the name of the Danish West Indies to "The Dewey Islands" in honor of Admiral Dewey was proposed in a joint resolution by Representative Allen, of Ohio, who announced that he was submitting letters to President Wilson and to the foreign affairs committees of congress urging the change. The islands came under the flag the day Admiral Dewey died.

ASHMORE-GALLOWAY.

Lawson B. Ashmore and Miss Virginia Galloway, young people of Hopkinsville, were married here Thursday morning. Judge Knight officiated.

Cad Bennett Dead.

Many Kentucky friends will regret to learn of the recent death of "Cad" Bennett, a former brilliant young Kentuckian, at his home in Oklahoma City. Young Bennett was a son of the late Judge Caswell Bennett, who died while a member of the Court of Appeals from this district. He was a brilliant young fellow, but was wild when he grew up and caused his father more or less trouble. He finally settled down and went to Oklahoma, where he became quite prominent as an attorney and was fast becoming one of the leading citizens of that state. Hon. Lee Cruse, who recently retired from the Governorship of Oklahoma, was an uncle.—Cadiz Record.

Eager To Return.

Clarksville, Tenn., Jan. 19.—R. Dunzelmann, former tobacco buyer and resident of Clarksville, but now a prisoner of war at Kuockaloe, Camp Peelle, Isle of Man, writes that he is receiving good treatment at the prison and that he hopes the war will soon be over so that he can return to Clarksville. The letter bore the stamp of the censor.

ESTILL COUNTY OIL WELLS

Have Made a Fabulous Fortune For A Poor Prospector.

OWNS 100 FINE WELLS

That Have a Value of \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

M. E. Williams, an old man 72 years of age, is the principal owner of the Estill county oil fields and has made millions in one year. Mrs. Harry Stice, his widowed daughter, is his chief business assistant.

At a time in life when most men are about ready to settle their account with Father Time, Williams drifted into Irvine. He was an experienced oil operator, one who knew both how to lose and gain, for fortune had lured him in his time to oil fields in many sections of the country and had treated him in devious ways once she had enthused him with "oilitis."

But Williams came to Irvine without a soul so to speak. He tramped through all of the nearby hills, decided a golden stream of oil would flow if the hillsides of Estill county were drilled in the right spot and then went to his old home at Bowling Green, Mo., to borrow enough money to finance his operations. His reputation was fourteen-karat good and W. S. Raydure, a wealthy oil operator of Bowling Green, who controls extensive holdings in Texas and Oklahoma oil fields, was persuaded to "stake" Williams on a fifty-fifty basis.

Between Ticky Fork and Cow Creek in this county there lies 40,000 acres of mountain land known as the old Maple tract, and Williams leased for \$10,000 the oil rights on 200 acres of this land. He sank one well at the cost of \$560 and found nothing. The day drilling operators informed Williams his first well was a duster the operator sat down on the steps of the River View Hotel, it is said, and dried with a handkerchief tears that trickled down wrinkles in his cheeks.

That was a few days more than a year ago. Since that time Williams has drilled more than a hundred wells on his properties and found a golden treasure of crude oil at the bottom of every one of them. He has leased during that time many other acres of wooded "wildcat" territory and his holdings now are worth millions.

It is difficult for a layman to appreciate the value of an oil well. When you go to figuring what a man in this section is worth dollars and figures roll up with such alarming rapidity that one is stunned. In Oklahoma and other midcontinent oil fields wells usually are sold on the basis of \$1,000 per barrel production. That is, if an operator brings in a well with a daily flow of fifty barrels the market price of his "hole in the ground" is about \$50,000. But Kentucky oil sells at a higher price than the Oklahoma product, and it isn't so hard to get to the oil here because of the shallowness of the wells. According to theory, then, Irvine wells should easily sell for \$1,000 per barrel production.

Williams & Raydure own at least a hundred wells and the average production in these wells is estimated at seventy-five barrels per day. Figure it out then—an average daily production of 7,500 barrels of crude oil at \$1,000 a barrel market value and these two men own holdings worth \$7,500,000. Williams' half interest is somewhere between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, then, and he has amassed this fortune in oil holdings within twelve or fifteen months.

Williams now is living at Ravenna about two miles south of Irvine, and rarely goes into the oil field in the hills about here. In his stead the daughter, with a riding habit, and a habit of riding, makes the rounds of his wells.

COMPANY D ORDERED HOME

Three Companies Will Come Home At Once For Duty.

REQUEST OF GOVERNOR.

Louisville, Frankfort, Hopkinsville Guards To Leave The Border At Once.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 17.—Three companies of the Kentucky National Guard have been ordered home from the border by the War Department. Adj. Gen. J. Tandy Ellis was notified Wednesday evening. They are A Company First Regiment, Louisville; L Company, Second Regiment, Frankfort, and D Company Hopkinsville, of the Third Regiment. The order is for them to start immediately.

Following the trouble at Murray, when it was learned that no provisional militia could be organized to preserve the peace in such emergency, Gen. Ellis was instructed by Gov. Stanley to request the War Department to send home companies to be stationed at strategic points in the State.

The telegram from Secretary of War Baker said Gen. Funston had been directed to return to Kentucky at once the three companies requested. The Hopkinsville company will be available in case troops are needed to protect the Circuit Court during the trial of the negro at Murray. The Frankfort troops may be needed here during the reconstruction of the burned cellhouse at the Reformatory. In addition to these needs the Governor and Adj. Gen. Ellis considered it safer to have at least one company from each regiment in the three sections of the State at railroad points where they can be quickly mobilized and hurried to any place on short notice.

BRICE P. BOYD PASSES AWAY

Popular Citizen Dies In City After An Illness Of Long Duration.

Brice P. Boyd died Thursday afternoon at his home on East Seventh St., of a complication of diseases. Mr. Boyd had been in bad health for a year or more and his decline in the past few months had been steady. He was a widower, his wife having died several years ago, and was 44 years old. One son, Remond Boyd, and several brothers and sisters survive. The deceased was a son of the late George H. Boyd, and was born a few miles north of Gracey. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a most excellent citizen, held in the highest esteem by every one who knew him. Funeral services were held at the residence at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the interment took place in Riverside Cemetery.

DR. HARNED ELECTED

Again as Secretary of The Board of Health.

The new Board of Health has re-elected Dr. J. W. Harned as Health Officer of the city for six months, at the old salary of \$200 a year, but recommended an increase to \$600. Dr. Harned has filled this position acceptably for ten years and was re-elected by unanimous vote.

Quick Work By Law.

McDonough, Ga., Jan. 19.—Harris Sutton, 16-year-old negro, convicted of assaulting a 10-year-old white girl December 3, was hanged here January 12.

BITTEN BY A MAD COLT

Nobie Sims, a Fairview Farmer, Has Thrilling Experience.

HYDROPHOBIA IS FEARED

Animal's Head Sent to Bowling Green For Expert Analysis of Brain.

Nobie Sims, a farmer on the Elkton pike, nine miles from town, was bitten by a colt that he was leading to water a few days ago. The colt on seeing the water was thrown into convulsions and attacked Sims, biting him on the arm and back, badly lacerating him. The animal continued to have convulsions and soon afterwards died. The head was sent to Bowling Green for examination for hydrophobia. Sims has been awaiting impatiently for a report, to decide whether he would go himself. He was preparing to go any day.

PRICES GO HIGHER YET

Tobacco Business Still Active in Spite of Snow And Ice.

The bad weather cut down tobacco receipts to something more than half a million pounds this week. Prices again soared above the season's average and the season's receipts are now far ahead of the corresponding receipts last year on the loose floors.

LOOSE FLOORS.
Week Ending, Jan. 18, 1917.
Sales for week.....530,187 lbs.
Sales for season.....2,659,852 lbs.
Sales this date, 1916.....1,474,040 lbs.
Average for this week.....\$10.61
Average for this season.....\$10.34

Quotations are as follows:
Trash \$8.50 to \$9.50.
Com Lugs \$9.25 to \$9.50
Med Lugs \$9.50 to \$10.00
Good Lugs \$10.00 to \$10.50
Fine Lugs \$10.50 to \$11.50
Low Leaf \$10.25 to \$11.00
Com Leaf \$11.00 to \$11.50
Medium Leaf \$11.50 to \$12.00
Good Leaf \$12.00 to \$14.00
Fine Leaf \$14.00 to \$17.00
H. H. ABERNATHY,
Secretary.

COAL MINER IS KILLED

By An Explosion In The Mine At Old Petersburg, Kentucky.

Joseph Ford, a miner at the old Petersburg mines, northwest of Crofton, was fatally burned last Monday by an explosion of powder in the mines. He lived until the following morning when he died.

He was at work alone in one of the rooms and made a shot, which set off a keg containing some powder in the room. The explosion caused so much coal to be dislodged that it took an hour and a half to rescue him.

He was 60 years old and leaves a family.

PURELY PERSONAL

Mrs. Edgar Bradshaw is quite sick at her home on East 18th street, suffering from pleurisy and the grip.

Mrs. Ed Reynolds, of Julien, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Edgar Bradshaw who has been ill for several days.

Mrs. Ernest Coleman has gone to Birmingham, Ala., for a visit to friends.

STOP ADVANCE INTO RUMANIA

Teutonic Allies Forces Come to a Standstill—Russians Shelling Tultcha.

BRITISH ON OFFENSIVE

And Have Made Further Gains On the Western Front.

The advance of the Teutonic allies in Rumania apparently has been brought to a standstill. In the latest Berlin official communication the only successes reported for the invaders were gained through a surprise attack between the Suchitza and Putna valleys where the army of Archduke Joseph captured an officer, 230 men and one machine gun from a hostile position and south of the Oltuz road, where a strong Russian attack was repulsed with artillery and machine gun fire.

On the other hand, the Rumanians put down a German attack south of Monestiar-Kachinul on the Kasino river, and southwest of Pralea, surrounded a German position and captured a large number of men and four machine guns.

The Russians are shelling the towns of Tultcha and Isakcha, across the Danube in Dobruja, while the Bulgarian guns are active against hostile shipping and military positions near Galatz and Isakcha.

On the Russian front and in Galicia there has been violent artillery activity and minor fights between raiding parties at isolated points. Near Smorgon the Russians have carried out successful raids and tapping operations, according to Petrograd.

In the region of Krashin a Russian force entered a German position but later was driven out.

The British in France have further extended their gains of Wednesday near Beaumont-Sur-Ancre.

DIED AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Aged Mother of Mrs. L. McFarland Blakemore Passes Away.

Mrs. Lucy Virginia Blanton McFarland, widow of John McFarland, died Thursday night at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. McF. Blakemore, in this city. She was born at Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 1, 1832, a daughter of Harrison and Elizabeth Dudley Blanton. Her married life was spent in Yazoo City, Miss., and her body was sent there for interment yesterday. Mrs. McFarland lived many years in New Orleans, but for three and a half years had made her home here. She was a member of Dr. Palmer's church (Presbyterian) in New Orleans. Besides her daughter here, she is survived by one son, Frank T. McFarland, of New Orleans.

SOME FINES IMPOSED

Upon Property Owners Who Ignored The Snow Ordinance.

There were a number of prosecutions in the city court Thursday and yesterday of citizens who failed to comply with the snow ordinance. Some fines of \$3 was imposed, but where efforts were made to clean off at least a part of the snow, the offenders were as a rule let off with a promise to do better next time.

Dr. L. A. Tate, Mrs. Tate and Miss Ella Schmidt left Thursday night for Florida.

TREATIES WILL NOT DO

Allies, In Supplementary Note Say Durable Peace Depends on Their Success.

NO REGARD FOR TREATIES

Aggression Must Be Abandoned, Causes of Unrest Removed.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The entente allies, in a note addressed by Arthur Balfour, British foreign minister, to Ambassador Spring-Rice and delivered to the state department, amplify their reply to President Wilson's peace note by explaining in detail why they believe it impossible at present to attain a peace which will insure them such guarantees as they consider essential. The note explains why the allies demand an expulsion of Turkey from Europe; restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France, of Italia Irredenta to Italy and the other territorial changes set forth.

LESSON RECENT HISTORY.

Those who think the future peace of the world may be insured by international treaties and international laws, the note says, have ill-learned the lessons taught by recent history. After charging that German influence in Turkey had resulted in conditions as barbarous and more aggressive than were known under Sultan Abdul Hamid, and that it had been shown Germany cannot be expected to respect treaty obligations, Mr. Balfour says:

"So long as Germany remains the Germany which, without a shadow of justification, overran and barbarously ill-treated a country it was pledged to defend, no state can regard its rights as secure if they have no better protection than a solemn treaty."

Asserting that Belgium was not Germany's only victim and that "neutrals were intended to note outrages which accompanied its conquest," the note recited, "the reign of terror attendant on Germany's method of warfare," and in that connection says:

"The war staffs of the central powers are well content to horrify the world, if at the same time they can terrorize it."

THREE PEACE CONDITIONS.

"The people of Great Britain," Mr. Balfour says, "Share President Wilson's desire for peace, but do not believe it can be durable unless based on the success of the allied cause. Such a peace, it is argued, cannot be expected unless these three conditions are fulfilled: Existing causes of international unrest shall be as far as possible removed or weakened; the aggressive aims and the unscrupulous methods of the central powers shall fall into disrepute among the own peoples and finally, that behind international law and behind all treaty arrangements for preventing or limiting hostilities, some form of international sanction should be devised which would give pause to the hardest aggressor."

It is recognized that these conditions may be difficult of fulfillment, but the belief is expressed that they are in general harmony with President Wilson's ideas. The note declares confidence that so far as Europe is concerned, none of the conditions can be satisfied, even imperfectly, unless peace is secured on the general lines indicated by the allies joint note.

TAX SUPERVISORS.

The County Board of Tax Supervisors, will resume its sessions Monday to hear complaints. Its members are: Malcolm C. Lunderman, Chairman, M. O. Kimerling, J. E. Berners, W. A. Brinkley, W. A. Kuttler, J. J. Reed, David Capps.

New Rural Route.

Rural route No. 1 has been ordered established February 1, out of Golden Pond, Trigg county, serving certain families.